

Remarks

The Office Action has been reviewed with care and certain amendments made which are believed to place this application in condition for allowance. Applicant appreciates the attention of the Examiner to this patent application.

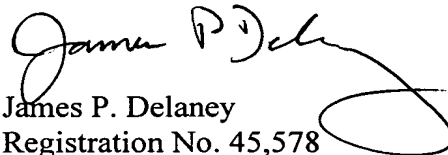
Claims 17-23, 26 and 28-39 were pending in the application. Claims 17-23, 26 and 28-33 have been allowed. Claims 34 and 39 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Coad et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,785,462). Claim 38 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious in view of Coad et al. in view of Vafaie (U.S. Patent No. 6,082,433). Claims 35-37 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form and to overcome certain 112 rejections.

Claim 34 is herein canceled and claim 35 is rewritten in independent form. Applicant believes that amended claim 35 overcomes the indefiniteness problem of previous claims 34-39. Claims 38 and 39 are amended to correctly depend from claim 35. In addition, claim 17 is amended to correct a minor grammatical error.

Applicant believes that all rejections have been traversed by amendment and that all claims are in proper form for allowance. Early favorable action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if that would be helpful in facilitating resolution of any issues which might remain.

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